

One of the Langsdale Houses
220 West Bay Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

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This mid-nineteenth century dwelling was one of a group of four contemporary structures which stood on North Washington Street until 1974 when two of them, threatened with demolition, were moved to their present location, near the west edge of Easton, and restored. Locally called the Langsdale Houses, the small, frame buildings are of the detached row house type with exterior decoration limited to the front facade. This structure has a bracketed two-story porch and front gable with an infill of ornamental shingles. Although local legend claims that this house was modeled on houses of Caribbean Island villages, it resembles buildings which may be found in other Eastern Shore towns.

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Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Island House

AND/OR COMMON

One of the Langsdale Houses

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

220 West Bay Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Jacques and Barbara Bambling

Telephone #: 301-745-9988

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Bozman

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

Liber #: 490

Folio #: 576

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1974</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Two stories in height, this small frame house now stands at the northeast corner of Bay Street and Hammond. It faces north.

The building is a detached row house with architectural interest limited to the front facade. Side walls are covered with board and batten or plain weatherboarding. Sawn wood ornamental brackets and pendants combine with the second floor railing of crossed wooden slats to enliven the two-story porch which is the building's chief decoration. Turned posts support the roof and second floor. The first floor railing is simple with plain rectangular balusters. Brackets are scaled to their function, with the largest and most elaborate on the first floor.

The gable roof is finished with a cornice and return. The front gable has an infill of shingles in a notched pattern. A round opening with louvers ventilates the attic.

Window and door openings are evenly spaced with the main entrance, in the east bay, and two windows on the first floor; the second floor has one window and a door to its left. These are centered. Window sashes are two over two. The main entrance has an overlight and door with a large glass panel. Frames are very narrow and trimmed with a bead.

Additional window openings are found at the rear of the east wall where there is also a second entrance. A modern shed addition has been constructed at the rear.

The house is one room wide and two rooms deep. Formerly a side hall plan building, the stair was moved and enclosed in a recent restoration. A mantle which appears to predate the house is used in the parlor. It has a shelf and rectangular opening enriched with moldings. The interior of this simple residence has windows and doors framed with flat trim.

The structure is used as offices. The exterior is light yellow with white trim. Louvered shutters are dark green and the roof is covered with wooden shingles.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 3rd quarter 19th century BUILDER/ARCHITECT
before 1877

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is significant for its architecture. It is one of the so-called Langsdale Houses which stood side-by-side along Washington Street until 1974. At that time the Town of Easton prepared to demolish the structures to provide access to a town parking lot. Subsequently, two of the structures, this one and its neighbor #218 West Bay (T-429) were moved by Historic Easton, Incorporated, and privately restored.

Three of the Langsdale houses which exist were built in the second half of the nineteenth century. Town houses standing close together, they formed a continuous and lively "wall" along North Washington Street. They were the only grouping of their type in Easton, being more typical of buildings which may be seen in St. Michaels, Maryland. By local legend, this structure is named the "Island House" because its builder reputedly modeled it on houses he had admired in Caribbean Island villages.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE None COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Historic Easton, Incorporated

DATE

September 28, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Box 1171

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CITY OR TOWN

Easton

STATE

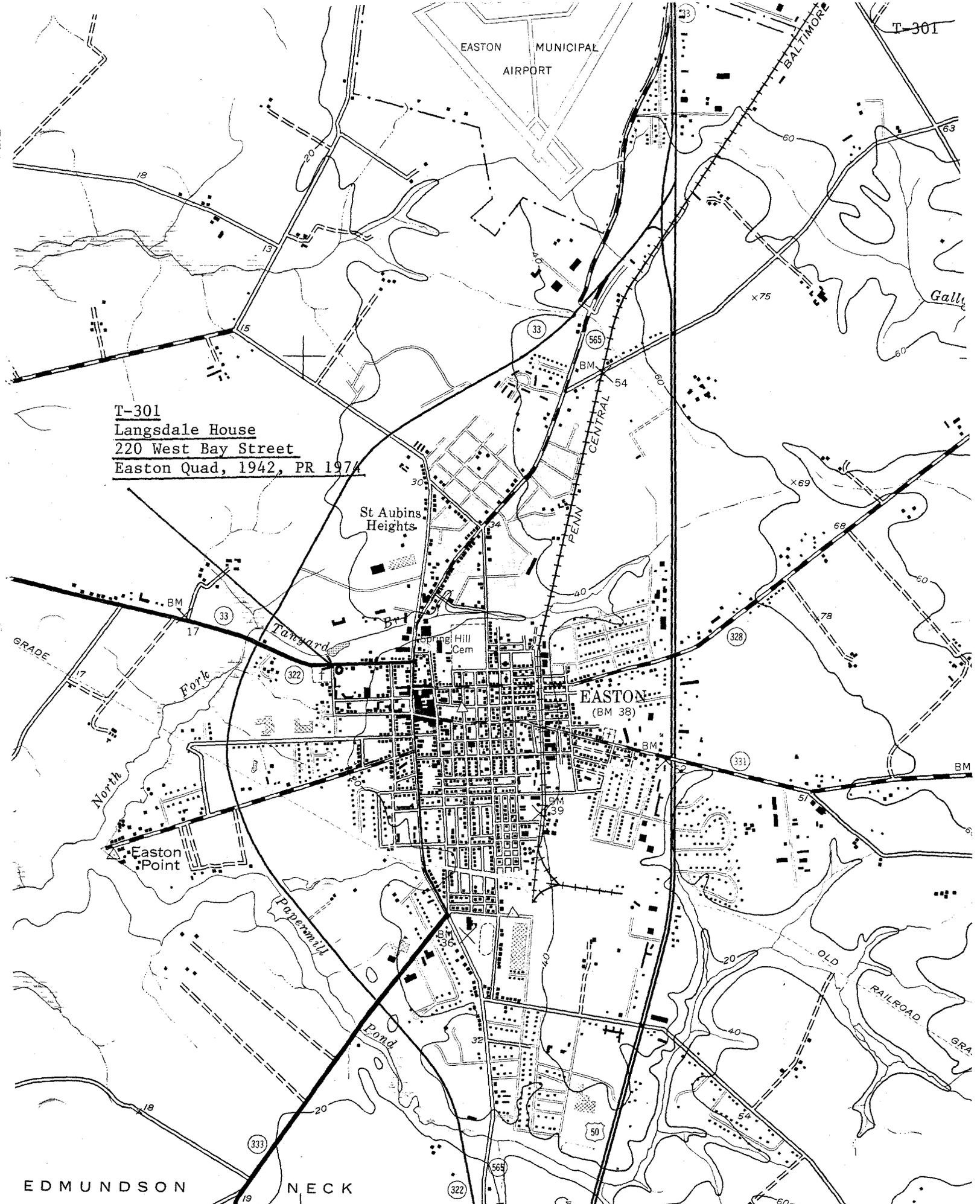
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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220 West Bay Street
Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974



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SCALE 1:24 000



18 x 1.91

75%

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220 WEST Bay AT HAMMOND
EASTON, MD. 0176

FRONT (NORTH) & WEST FACADE

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118 North Washington ST.
EASTON, Md

Moved, 1974

now at

220 West Bay street
(at Hammond street)

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